



COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Meeting Summary

February 12 2014

Members Present: David Anderson, Shari Argue, Dana Bell, Noelle Dayal, Jane de Winter, David Edimo, Tom Grazio, Stuart Grossman, Carson Henry, Lindsay Hoffman, Josiah Holmes, Nancy Kaplan, Zach Khan, Alies Muskin, Tami Nedomanski, Roberta Rinker, Terri Schuster, Alisa Smedley, Don Wynne, Mary Gies (staff)

Members Absent: Sharika Dhar, Maddy Goldberg, Jennifer Harris, Elsa Lakew, Elizabeth Ortega-Lohmeyer, Vicki Stearn, Deatrice Williams, Stephanie Williams

Guests Present: Elijah Wheeler, Montgomery County DMC Reduction Coordinator, Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families

Jane de Winter, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Commission welcomed Elijah Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler explained the history and origin of Disproportionate Minority Contact and also described current efforts to address the issue in Montgomery County. He also discussed how the Commission can contribute to the work of the DMC Reduction Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Reading and Approval of January Meeting Minutes – Shari Argue corrected the minutes to read that she was in attendance at the January meeting. Alies Muskin motioned to approve the January meeting minutes, as corrected. David Anderson seconded the motion. The full Commission voted to approve the motion.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Debrief of the Montgomery County Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service – Tom Grazio reported that the Commission's MLK Day of Service project was a success. The Commission and volunteers from the community collated 60+ complete duffle bags and an additional 100+ toiletry kits for children being placed out of the home. Staff gave a special thank you to Nancy Kaplan and Tom for all of their efforts.

Debrief of the Meeting of Boards, Committees and Commissions to Discuss Behavioral Health – Don Wynne reported that the Mental Health Advisory Committee convened a meeting of representatives from all of the Department of Health and Human Services B/C/Cs to

discuss behavioral health and to help the MHAC focus its work. The group identified three areas in which it will focus:

- 1) Improve education and awareness of mental health resources through social media
- 2) Advocate for better access to care and support for youth
- 3) Increase provider capacity; Workforce development

Nancy Dworkin Outstanding Service to Youth Awards – Staff updated the Commission on the initial planning efforts for the Nancy Dworkin Outstanding Service to Youth Awards. The ceremony will be held in May 2014 and Adventure Theatre-MTC has offered to host the event once again. Carson Henry suggested that the Commission reach out to the Corporate Volunteer Council of Montgomery County for sponsorship of the \$250 youth scholarship. Roberta Rinker will forward staff a potential sponsor to donate the plaques.

MCPS Cybercivility Task Force – MCPS is seeking applicants for its newly created Cybercivility Task Force. The task force will develop strategies to raise awareness of the need for cybercivility in how MCPS students and adults communicate online. It will also guide the creation of tools for schools, parents and community members that encourage conversations about cybercivility. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday Feb. 24. Commissioners were asked to inform staff if they applied and if they planned to represent themselves or the Commission. All those interested in representing the Commission must not be ‘retiring’ this May, as the Task Force will work through August.

County Executive’s Annual Meeting with Boards, Committees and Commissions – The Commission’s annual meeting with the County Executive is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The meeting will be a Town Hall format, as a large number of other boards will be in attendance. Generally, the Chair and one youth member attend. Youth members were asked to contact staff if they are interested in attending. The Commission has been asked to submit an issue or question it would like the County Executive to address. Staff will ask Commissioners to e-mail their suggestions.

Public Agency Reports and Announcements

Montgomery County Public Schools – Tami Nedomanski announced that she was invited to participate in a social emotional learning think tank and will bring information back to the Commission.

Carson Henry announced that he is involved in an alternative education re-design initiative and will provide information to the Commission about this process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.